

Notice of meeting and Agenda

Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 10 October 2017

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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1. Order of business

- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

3. Deputations

- 3.1 If any

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Education, Children and Families Committee 15 August 2017 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Forward planning

- 5.1 Key Decisions Forward Plan – December 2017 to March 2018 (circulated)
- 5.2 Rolling Actions Log (circulated)

6. Business bulletin

- 6.1 Business Bulletin (circulated)

7. Executive decisions

- 7.1 Education Governance – Fair Funding to Achieve Excellence and Equity in Education - report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.2 Education Authority Improvement Plan – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.3 Schools and Lifelong Learning Estate Strategic Review – Update on Informal Consultation in West and South West Edinburgh – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.4 Statutory Consultation – A Replacement for Castlebrae High School – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.5 Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare from 600 to 1140 Hours by 2020 – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)

- 7.6 Child Poverty - Equity Framework – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)

8. Routine decisions

- 8.1 Participation and Engagement in Communities and Families – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.2 Parental Engagement: Partnership Schools – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.3 Arts and Creative Learning Update – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.4 Lifelong Learning Service Officers – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.5 Revenue Monitoring 2017-2018 – Month Three Position – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.6 Looked After Children - Transformation Programme Progress Report - referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee (circulated)

9. Motions

- 9.1 Motion by Councillor Arthur – Child Poverty - School Uniform Grant

“Committee:

Recognises that child poverty is rising in Edinburgh and that the City of Edinburgh Council, The Scottish Government and the UK Government have a duty to use their powers to reverse this trend.

Recognises that a significant burden on low income families is providing their children with a school uniform.

Recognises the significant work of the Edinburgh School Uniform Bank, Edinburgh Police Fund for Children, and others to help equip children from low income families for school.

Recognises the Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland estimate that the cost of a school uniform is £129.50, but the School Uniform Grant provided by City of Edinburgh Council is only £42 and £50 for primary and secondary school children respectively.

Recognises that the Scottish Government recommends the School Uniform Grant level be set at £70, but many Local Authorities exceed this.

Asks that within two cycles Council Officers report on the feasibility of increasing the School Uniform Grant to ensure that from the 2018/19 academic year children from low income households are better equipped for school.”

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Insight

Committee Members

Councillors Perry (Convener), Dickie (Vice-Convener), Bird, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Laidlaw, Ritchie, Rust, Smith and Young.

Added Members for Education Items

Religious Representatives

Marie Allan, Rabbi David Rose and Dr Rita Welsh

Parent Representative (Non-Voting)

Alexander Ramage

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